



**Annual 2009 VA/DoD Joint Venture Conference**

# **El Paso Joint Venture**

**Wm. Beaumont Army Medical Center and  
El Paso VA Health Care System**

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# Agenda



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- Joint Venture MOU
  - Joint Venture Governance
  - Reimbursement
  - JV Current Projects
  - The Vision



# Joint Venture MOU



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Five-year agreement period, reviewed annually.

VA-DoD Sharing Agreement (VA Form 10-1245c) covers basics and general legal issues.

Annexes provide detailed information related to services, procedures, and responsibilities.



# MOU Overview

## **Joint Activities:**

Cardio Thoracic Surgery (CTS)  
Joint Central Materiel Services  
IT project (Digital Imaging)  
Cooperative Separation Process/Exam (VBA)

## **WBAMC provides VAB care**

Emergency care  
Inpatient hospitalization  
Specialty care not available at ELPVA  
Reference Lab services  
Tumor Registry

## **EPVAHCS provides WBAMC**

Use of OR suites  
9 VA residents for Internal Med GME program  
2 FTE to CMS  
Use of CT as needed



# Joint Venture Governance



## Joint Venture Executive Management Team

### **WBAMC**

Commander, Co-chair  
Deputy Commander,  
Administration  
Deputy Commander, Clinical  
Services  
Deputy Commander, Patient  
Services/Nursing  
VA-DoD Liaison Officer

**Administrative  
committee**

**Reimbursement  
committee**

**Clinical committee**

### **EPVAHCS**

Director, Co-chair  
Associate Director  
Chief of Staff  
Associate Director, Nursing &  
Patient Services  
Joint Venture Coordinator



# Reimbursement

- Comply with VA-DoD guidelines
- Inpatient: Pending Essentris implementation.
- Outpatient: automated billing program. VA has CHCS access.
- Electronic billing-reimbursement document exchange via restricted AKO folder.
  - Permits exchange of large claims files (>2MG)
  - Complies with HIPAA
  - Secure and only selected staff have access
  - Reimbursement Committee (monthly)



# JV Current Projects



- **Sterilization/Central Material Services (CMS)**
  - EPVAHCS purchased equipment which will enhance capabilities
  - 2 EPVAHCS FTE working in CMS (staff rotation)
- **Women's Health**
  - EPVAHCS to purchase 2 digital mammogram machines
  - Will provide state-of-the-art diagnostics
  - Allow for imaging sharing
  - Increase workload capability
- **Joint Ambulatory Services Center** (Multi-year Plan)



# The FUTURE



## WBAMC:

- With BRAC and GTA, by 2014, FT Bliss will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Army installation.
- FT Bliss-WSMR TRICARE Prime enrollment will doubled (~110,400 benes)
- 44K Active Duty, 60K AD Family Members
- Planning excludes any retiree-retiree family member or 65+ growth

## EPVAHCS:

- Outpatient Services: Projected increased workload in Primary Care and Mental Health
- Inpatient Services
  - minimal projected increase
  - average daily census increase from 26.4 to 30.1





# Future Medical Campus Planning



## Three-Phased replacement strategy:

- **Phase 1:**
  - **FY10 Women's, Infants & Pediatric Center**
  - planning complete (BRAC/GTA funding)
- **Phase 2:**
  - **FY12 Hospital Replacement**
  - design funds available in FY09
  - immediate focus
- **Phase 3:**
  - **FY14 Outpatient Clinics / Administration**
  - project planning will be completed by FY12)



# Campus Replacement Site



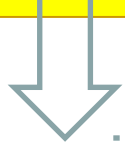


# Collaboration Continuum

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WBAMC /  
EPVAHCS  
Future  
Outpatient  
Relationship



Ancillary



Inpatient

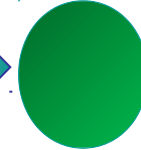
## Separate

Little or no relationship between organizations and functions.



## Coordinated

Implies frequent communications and modest degree of functional interactions.



## Connected

Regular and ongoing interaction between organizations and functions.



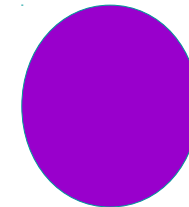
## Integrated

Significant overlapping of services and high degree of interoperability of functions.



## Consolidated

Implies a single set of facilities and functions serving combined beneficiaries.





# **Proposed** **WBAMC-EPVAHCS Campus Planning** **Phase 2 Integration/Collaboration**



## **Inpatient Nursing Units**

Med/Surg  
ICU/Step-down  
Psych

## **Clinical & Ancillary Services**

Emergency Department  
Inpt/Outpt Surgery  
Procedures Suite  
Cath Labs  
Interventional Radiology  
Endoscopy Suites  
CMS/SPD

## **Ancillary & Support**

Lab/Pathology  
Inpatient Pharmacy  
Radiology  
Nuclear Medicine  
Nutritional Care / Dining  
Facility  
Information Mgmt – Data  
Center  
Medical Equipment  
Linen  
Environmental Services  
Biomedical Services  
Safety  
Security